

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOSE SAN NICOLAS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Jose Salucnam San Nicolas, former Commissioner of the village of Agat, Guam; he was fondly known as "Joe Pineda" by his family and closest friends. Born on December 15, 1945, Joe dedicated more than 40 years of his life as a public servant to the people of Guam, beginning as a youth and church leader in Agat, Guam's largest southern village. His desire to serve and his spirit of community paved the way for his election in 1970. He became one of Guam's youngest public officials at the age of 25. In 1974, after serving only one term as Assistant Commissioner, Joe was elected as the Commissioner of Agat. He passed away on December 27, 2012, at the age of 67.

As Commissioner of Agat, Joe paid particular attention to helping young people find constructive and productive activities, such as village clean-up and beautification projects. He also encouraged participation in the celebration of Guam's Liberation Day festivities, intramural sports, and involvement in church functions and religious education.

As a devout Catholic, Joe served as a "Techa", or traditional prayer leader, of rosaries and novenas. He volunteered his skills in leading prayers for families throughout Guam, as well as in California, Hawaii, Washington state and Germany. After his term as Commissioner of Agat, Joe continued to serve his community as a techa; he also held several different government posts, working for the Guam Legislature and Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez as a Special Assistant for community outreach.

Joe will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I extend my condolences to his family and loved ones, including his children, Dwayne and Charmaine.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RICHARD H. GOBBLE, II

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery of City of Ripley Fire Chief Richard H. Gobble, II. Chief Gobble, a lifelong resident of the community he serves, heads an all volunteer fire department in Ripley, WV, a small town in my district.

On the morning of December 29, 2012, Ripley's Mayor received an anonymous letter de-

tailoring a heroic event that happened the week earlier, just before the Christmas holiday. The letter's anonymous author had been traveling down Route 33 when he witnessed a frightening car wreck, in which the vehicle left the road and landed in the frigid waters of a nearby creek.

The first emergency responder on the scene was a man from the fire department, who, according to the anonymous author, waded into the cold waters without hesitation to help the trapped motorist. The fireman successfully retrieved the elderly man from his almost completely submerged car and helped him to shore, reassuring him along the way that everything would be alright. By the time the fireman helped the elderly man to the creek bank, other members of the fire department, paramedics, and police had arrived on the scene to assist.

Once the elderly man was safe from the frigid waters and receiving medical treatment from paramedics, the letter's anonymous author asked a member of the fire department for the name of the fireman that risked hypothermia to save the motorist. The fireman responded, "That's our chief!" It was Ripley's volunteer fire chief, Richard Gobble, who had rescued the man from the frozen creek and saved his life.

Mr. Speaker, the level of devotion to community by Chief Gobble is one deserving of great respect and recognition.

I wish to thank Chief Gobble for his service to his community. The City of Ripley is fortunate to have such a heroic man leading their fire department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD HENRY RAILEY FROM UPS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Richard Henry Railey who is retiring from the United Parcel Service in Opelika after 34 years of service.

Mr. Railey was born on October 18, 1957, in Ashland, Alabama, to Talma and Georgia Alberta Railey. He graduated from Wadley High School in 1976 as Class Salutatorian, lettering in both football and baseball and serving as Class President.

He attended Southern Union State Junior College receiving an A.S. Degree and serving as President of the Student Government Association. He then attended Auburn University and graduated in 1981 with a B.S. Degree in Vocational Agri-Business with a teaching certificate.

In November of 1978, Mr. Railey started working part-time at UPS while in school at

Auburn. In 1979, he was promoted to part-time management and in 1984, to full-time management. In April of 1981, Richard married Debbie Renee Gilbert in Pine Mountain, Georgia, and later they had two sons, Patrick Ryan Railey and David Richard Railey. While at UPS, Richard has also volunteered at United Way, taught Junior Achievement at Opelika High School and Auburn High School and achieved many job promotions during his time there.

Mr. Speaker, we join his family and friends in celebrating Mr. Railey's retirement and wish him the very best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTY RAMACHER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Betty Ramacher, who passed away on November 20, 2012, at the age of 86. A respected elected official and community leader, Betty leaves behind a wonderful legacy and serves as an example for generations to come.

Betty was a woman of many trades. She served as a first grade teacher in Caruthers, California and operated a dress shop in the Fig Garden Shopping Center in Fresno, California. With her background as an educator and small business owner, Betty successfully ran for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in 1983. Betty served the third supervisorial district for five years.

Betty's progressive ideas along with her ability to get things done made her a well-respected political mind in California's San Joaquin Valley. Aspiring political candidates would often reach out to Betty first when running for office. Betty and her husband, Richard, were a formidable team—especially when it came to organizing campaigns and winning elections.

Along with being a political trailblazer, Betty was also a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Betty's family was everything to her. She was a caregiver for a majority of her life—providing for her disabled son, Eric, for over 50 years, and caring for Richard after his stroke. Betty truly understood the importance of love and family.

Betty leaves behind her daughter, Mary and son-in-law, Ted Mooradian; her grandchildren, Ali Mooradian-Pesce and her husband Andres, Lauren, Jacob, and Joseph Mooradian.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Betty Ramacher. Her unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of residents in Fresno County will never be forgotten. Betty will be remembered as a woman with a kind heart and loving soul.

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